

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
MEDFORD DIVISION

EDWARD GROSS,

Case No. 1:17-cv-00828-CL
ORDER

Plaintiff,

vs.

PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Defendant.

AIKEN, District Judge:

Magistrate Judge Clarke filed his Findings and Recommendation (“F&R”) (doc. 39) on 12/5/2017. The matter is now before me. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72. No objections have been timely filed. Although this relieves me of my obligation to perform a *de novo* review, I retain the obligation to “make an informed, final decision.” *Britt v. Simi Valley Unified Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983), *overruled on other grounds*, *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121–22 (9th Cir. 2003) (en banc). The Magistrates Act does not specify a standard of review in cases where no objections are filed. *Ray v. Astrue*, 2012 WL 1598239, *1 (D. Or. May 7, 2012). Following the recommendation of the Rules Advisory

Committee, I review the F&R for “clear error on the face of the record[.]” Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note (1983) (citing *Campbell v. United States District Court*, 501 F.2d 196, 206 (9th Cir. 1974)); *see also United States v. Vonn*, 535 U.S. 55, 64 n.6 (2002) (stating that, “[i]n the absence of a clear legislative mandate, the Advisory Committee Notes provide a reliable source of insight into the meaning of” a federal rule). Having reviewed the file of this case, I find no clear error.

Accordingly, I adopt Judge Clarke’s F&R (doc. 39) in its entirety. Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss or, in the alternative, for a transfer of venue (doc. 24) is DENIED.

Dated this 12 day of January 2018.


Ann Aiken
United States District Judge